MISSOURI LADIES INVITED TO THE VEILED PROPHET'S BALL: SPRINGFIELD, CAPE GIRARDEAU, LOUISIANA AND BOWLING GREEN.



VENEZUELAN DEFEAT WAS OVERWHELMING,

President Castro's Expedition Against Colombia Met With Many Serious Disasters.

DAVILA'S FORCE ANNIHILATED.

Reports Indicate That Uprisings Are Imminent in Several Venezuelan Provinces and Castro's Government in Danger.

Willemstad, Curacao, Oct. 4.—The correseeded the following message from a correspondent in the fields

On the Road Between Shamalea, Vene Fuela and La Hacha, Colombia, Gualja Perminsula, Sept. 23, by Messenger to Maracalbo, Then by Stenmer to Curacao.-With General Davila's column of 1,500 men, with five field guns advancing toward La Hacha, this road is still fairly filled with fugitives and wounded Venezuelans from the fighting of September 14 and 15, returning, as best they may, to Maracaibo. Davila's column left Shamaica yesterday morning.

"Counting the Colombian Liberals at Treinta, thirty miles from Ia Hacha, the Banchez expedition and the 800 re-enforcements due to leave Maracaibo October I, the Venezuelans and Colombian Liberals number about 5,000 men in Guajara.

Venezuelan Situation Critical.

Venezuela scems determined, if possible, to retrieve her fallen fortunes at Guajira. If she fall in this present endeavor it is believed among army officers that the Co-lombian forces, allied Guajarira Indian and Venezuelan revolutionists opposed to President Castro will unite and march on Maracabo, with good chances of capturing the place. Such action would probably also mean the capture of San Carles fort and the liberation of the Venezuelan political prisoners there, including General Hernan-

Indians Are Getting Even.

entered the peninsula they robbed the in-dians of their cattle and generally maltreat-ed them. The Indians are now retaliating. cruelly mutilating and murdering many of the numerous fugitives who have been straggling since the defeat over the water less, burning, flat peninsula in an effort to reach their lines or the const.

Vonezuelan Defeat Complete.

General Davila's first fight at Curoga was an absolute rout. Five Venezuelan battulions of 400 men each were engaged, and the Colombians are estimated at the same number. It is now known that General Echeverria was killed on the battlefield, and not shot by the Colombians. The battalion called the "Sacred Battalion," composed of gentlemen volunteers, mounted, was the first to break and retreat before the Colombians. After General Echeverria was killed, General Exvila, Clodomina Cas-tillo and Ermilo Castro, a brother of Pres-ident Castro, fied the field. Another battallon then broke. The three remaining battalions kept up the fighting after the flight of the higher officers until routed. About 600 were killed on the Venezuelan

side, including thirty minor officers.
All the flags of the Venezuelans were lost, as well as General Davila's cannon, variously reported at from five to fifteen. Such as were not captured by the Colombians were thrown into the river by the retreating Venezuelans.
The Indians ambushed General Davila's

retreating vanguard, composed of 200 men. nd annthilated it Cledomiro Cazullo, who is a Colombian,

now commands the Venezueian forces at the front on Guajira Peninsula and Ermila Castro now commands the "Sacred Battal-

The general plan of campaign, so far as It can be gathered from the latest Mara-calbo messages, seems to be that about 890 re-enforcements left there October 1 to join

the Sanchez expedition at Sinamaica Reports of Another Defeat.

Vague, unverliable, but persistent rumors are coming here and have been current for four days, to the effect that President Castro's vanished forces at Tachira and in the vicinity of San Cristobal suffered defeat at the hands of General Rangel Garidras and Columbian Conservative supporters September 25 and 25.
According to another report, General Uribe-Uribe, the Colombian Liberal revolu-

A PLUMP FIGURE.

Makes a First-Class, Telling Argu-

"About a year ago n doctor and his wife came to board with us. We aiready had Miss G, who was at that time thin and yellow and considerably out of health.

"The first morning the new boarders came to the table as guests the young lady remarked as she set hor cup down. This is coffee!" while the doctor added, 'Not at all like the poor coffee they have been giving us at the hotel." I smiled behind my markin and asked if either of them ever used Postum Food Coffee. The doctor said he had tasted it, but it was weak, miserable stuff. Miss G, had heard of it and wished she could try it.

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"I said nothing, but at the end of tirred months, when Miss G, was ready to leave us for a new field of labor, said: 'I have been giving you Postum Food Coffee all the time you have been here.' What, is that coffee Postum?' she said. I remarked that I had noticed with great pleasure her daily gain in health, and now that she was leaving us after only three months at our table, she had rosy cheeks and a plump figure, which was all the argument any one needed to prove the fact that she had been well cared for, and the reason for her gain in health was the use of Postum Food Coffee, for no other change had been made of any account in her food.

"The doctor was very much delighted with the experiment, and discovered that where he had tried Postum before he had been unfortunate in having it underboiled. Postum must be bolled fifteen or twenty minutes to bring out the delicious flavor, and then it will suit the laste of any one." Mrs. Florence Dougherty, Placerville, Idaho.

BOWLING GREEN

esult of the recent defeat, and is he fermit of the recent detent, and is headed for Maracaiba. According to yet other reports, General Uribe-Uribe was killed. At present it is impossible to obtain satisfactory confirma-tion or refutation of these rumors.

tionist, with his Colombian followers, has

lately been at Tachira. He is generally credited with being the leader of the Vene-zuelan Government forces there. But it is

now said he is fleeling from Tachira, as ;

HOUSE TAKES ACTION ON DELAYED BILLS.

Measures Reported by Committee on Public Improvements Are Unanimously Passed.

Public Improvements last night produced in the House of Delegates several bills that had been buried so long that an impression had been formed in the City Hall that epi-The most serious feature of the Guajira | taphs had already been inscribed over their campaign to-day is the attitude of Gua-fira Indians. When the Venezuelans first long list of bills referred to Mr. Geraghty's committee still remains in oblivion in that

> Council bill No. 41, which reached his committee July 12; Council bill No. 57, which was referred to his committee July 15, and Council bill No. 70, which was referred to his committee August 6, were reported facorably last night, and were passed by

Council bill No. 79 authorizes the Water Commissioner to appoint, with the approval of the President of the Board of Public Imof the President of the Board of Public Im-provements, employes for the Waterworks electric light and power plant and munici-pal rallway. The force will consist of one electrician at \$100 per month, three dynamo tenders at \$80 each, three motormen at \$80 each, three conductors at \$60 each, and as many mechanics and engineers as may be necessary at no more than 34 per day each for actual service. The electric line will be in operation by October 15.

Council bill No. 57 is important as it specifies changes in the grades and surveys of alleys and streets. Council bill No. 56 provides for opening an alley in city block 2757. The House also passed a bill to ap-propriate \$21,537 for the expenses of the spe-cial election, a bill to appropriate \$200 for

cial election, a bill to appropriate \$39 for the Coroner and a bill for improvement of an alley in city block 1311.

Division of vote resulted on the House bill providing for the licensing of gasfitters, The bill prescribes that gasfitters must obtain licenses from the Supervisor of City Lighting, and no fitter is entitled to a license unless he offers the recommendations of at least two journeymen gasfitters and one temployer.

one employer.

The bill was passed by the following vote:

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Ayes-Speaker Cronin, Brennan, Buckley,
Burke, Denny, Faulkner, Fontana, Geraghty, Hannigan, Kinney, Ffeffle, Stannard,
Sweeney, Troll, Williams and Zachritz,
Nays-Funsch, Karbe, Klute, Koelu, Murrell, Oberbeck, Relas and Windmuchler.

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BILLS INTRODUCED IN COUNCIL. Amendment to the Building Ordi-

nance Provided For.

In the City Council yesterday afternoon Mr. Horton introduced a bill for renewal of a wharf lease, at Bremen avenue, to Albert J. Rogers for lifteen years at \$112 per year. Captain Hodges introduced a bill for revision of the building ordinance relating to fire protection. The amendment provides that one inspector in the Department of Public Buildings shall be chosen by the St. Louis Fire Prevention Bureau and serve without compensation from the city. The Board of Appeal shall consist of three members, one to represent the bureau, another to be an architect and the third to be a master builder. The board shall meet twice monthly and members shall receive \$10 cach for each meeting.

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Mr. Hoffmann introduced a bill arranging transfers of appropriations for the Commissioner of Public Buildings. On motion of Mr. Hoffmann the bill to declare consumption a communicable discuse was laid over until Thesday. The bill providing for establishment of Clarendon Avenue Sewer District No. 4 was passed.

Captain Hodges has just returned from Europe, having been absent two months. He expressed admiration for the creasoted wood streets in London and Paris. They are constructed, he said, of Missouri wood.

Pfeffie's, Williams's and Gazzolo's wards are uniting to protest against the killing. The restaurateurs intend to send a delegation to the House for an explanation.

Mr. Whyte asserts that all restaurant owners will be obliged to pay the regular license after November 1. The rate is \$20 for six months, regardless of the size of the establishment. Even owners of small lunch counters will be compelled to pay this rate. Unless the combine finds a way to redeem the bill, or its essence, some small restaurants may be discontinued.

The other measure was known as the license tag bill. TO DISCUSS CHARTER AMENDments—The Second Ward Republican League Club will meet October 17 at Union Hall. Broadway and Benton street, to discuss the Charter amendments. The object is to have the members of the club fully informed in regard to the amendments, in order that they may vote intelligently. A similar meeting was held by the club last Thursday evening.

BEAUMONT, TEX.—Just before dark last night the well of the Ira O. Wyse Oil Company was drilled into an immense gas deposit, and for spectacular effect and destructiveness it is said to have equaled the Guffey well, which had a gas blow-out earlier in the day. The pipe and the rotary were shot high into the air, and the witnesses say the well discharged gas and rocks with as great force as did the Guffey well. MISS WEST TAKEN HOME-MISS Mahel West, who ran away from her home in Homestead, Pa., to come to St. Louis to marry James Rhodes, was taken back home last night in charge of Detective James W. Egan of Pittsburg. Miss West has been in the custody of Matron Kintzing in the detention-room at the Four Courts since Tuesday afternoon,



MISS BLANCHE PURNELL

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Committeemen Declare Business

Men Will Uphold Their Action

-Vote on the Measure.

Comptroller Player's bill providing for the

bolition of public scales that have been op-

erated for years at steady loss to the city

was killed last night in the House of Dele-

rates. The measure was reported adversely

y Chairman Geraghty of the Committee on

Public Improvements, and the report was

More than a year ago authorities observed

that public scales owned and operated by

cided that it would be economical to abol-

ish the scales, and he had a bill prepared

bill was passed by the City Council and was

"The committee has found a good reason for reporting the bill unfavorable," Mr. Geraghty stated, "We have noticed that

the principal business men of the neighbor-boods approve of retaining the scales."

Mr. Reiss: "Didn't this bill originate from the Comptroller, and hasn't it the sanction of the administration?"

Speaker Crount. "Oh, these scales have been down several years," emphasizing the word "several."

Mr. Refes: "They may have been down for several years, as you say, but they have been operated for several years at a loss. I suppose you realize that the Computable's object with the bill was to save money to the city."

RESTAURATEURS WIDE AWAKE.

Those in Combine Members' Wards

Want Bill Passed.

Failure of the House of Delegates to re-

consider License Collector Whyte's two important bills last night effectually kills

those measures. The vote of what is

was sustained by approval of the minutes

of the preceding meeting.

So far as the restaurant bill is concerned,

owners of small restaurants in Messrs. Cronin's, Kinney's, Sweeney's, Denny's, Pfcflie's, Williams's and Gazzolo's wards

"Oh, these scales have

the city were unprofitable. Mr. Player de

and introduced in the City Council.

transmitted to the House July 16

Speaker Cropin:

defended by Mr. Sweeney.

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KILLS SCALES BILL.

JUDGE WISLIZENUS.

House of Delegates Decides to

claring, "That's what you're voting r. Karbe reversed his resolution by Mr. Karbe reversed his resolution by voting 'no' on the motion. Mr. Sweeney ascerted that he could not understand Mr. Karbe's acrobatic feats, as the latter had started to turn a front somerscalt and ended with a rapid back somersault. In explaining his vote, Mr. Reiss said he had been opposed to the original resolution for appointment of the committee, and he has not since altered his views. 'The proceedings would be idle and farcical,' he remarked. 'The House has no furfisherion over the courts, and cannot conduct an investigation. And, even if it should conduct the investigation it could not apply any penalty or punishment. Therefore, I vote 'no.'

troller's object with the bill was to save money to the city."

A discussion concerning the value of the scales to the city followed.

The vote on the question was as follows: Nays ito kill the bills—Speaker Cronin and Mesers, Brennan, Buckley, Burke, Denny, Faulkner, Fontana, Gazzolo, Geraghty, Banudani, Howard, Khney, Koeln, Pfeffe, Stannard, Sweeney, Troll, Williams and Zachritz, Ayes—Mesers, Funsch, Karbe, Klute, Murrell, Oberbeck, Reiss and Windmueller. The vote on Mr. Sweeney's motion was as follows:
Ayes-Speaker Cronin and Messrs, Brennan, Buckley, Burke, Denny, Fauikner,
Fontana, Funsch, Gazzolo, Geraghty, Hanathan, Howard, Kinney Stannard, Sweeney,
Troll, Williams and Zachritz,
Noes-Messrs, Karbe, Kiute, Koein, Murrell, Oberbeck, Reiss and Windmueller.
Speaker Cronin declared the motion carried
by a vote of 18 to 7. Klute, Murrell, Oberbeck, Reiss and Wand-mueller.

The bill to appropriate damages for the opening of Gimblin road from Broadway castwardly to the river was killed by unan-imous vote. Mr. Oberbeck said property ewners on the street objected to the open-ing, and that members of the Board of Pub-lic Improvements assured him that the im-provement is unnecessary.

FUTILE ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE. Herman Doerman Rescued From the River by a Watchman.

Herman Deerman, if years cid. of No. 2915 North Twenty-third street, was rescued from drowning last night at the feet of Vine street by Frank Sawes, night watchman of the Wiggins Ferry wharfecat, who jumped into the river, scaed Deerman and held to the rope until he was hauled cack abourd his boat.

Deerman states that 55 cash and a creek for \$22 were stolen from him and that he was desongient. for \$22 were stolen from him and that ne was despondent.

When Doerman dove into the water, Sawas hurriedly uncolled a 10%, which was wound about a rost near the gangway. Holding this in his nand, he jamped into the river. He grabbed is man. Both men were hauled to the Wiggins Ferry wharf, and were helped out of the water. Doerman was sent to the City Hospital, where he now is in the observation ward. He said his money had been taken from him while he was sleeping in a saloon on South Broadknown as the combine in killing the bills

his money had been taken from him while he was sleeping in a saloon on South Broad-way. He is married and is a butcher. RECOMMENDS REORGANIZATION

Confederate Veterans' Association May Be Conducted on New Lines. May Be Conducted on New Lines.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Lexington, Ky., Oct. 4—There is to be a meeting here of the Confederate Veterans' Association of Kentucky, which will mean much to that association and to like organizations in the South.

Last April a number of the members of the old association began a movement for a reorganization of the association on lines that would prevent the possibility of embarrassment caused by men whose records are not clear putting themselves forward in all enterprises of the association, and a committee of ten was appointed here to look into the advisability of such a step. The committee has a favorable report to make at the meeting now.

The report does not state on what lines the reorganization shall be conducted, but merely recommends that the association be reorganized.

TO SPEND MILLION ON IMPROVEMENTS.

Lincoln Trust Company Will Manage New York Syndicate Property Near Forest Park.

PROFIT ON DEAL IS \$870,000

Property Will Be Provided With Streets, Sewers, Gas and Water and Residences Will Be Erected.

In the big land-combine deal just closed, in which 356 acres of land north of Forest Park are merged into a single ownership by an Eastern syndicate, the Lincoln Trust Company comes out with a profit of \$870,-

The University (Catlin) tract and the De Giverville tracts were owned by the Lincoln Trust Company, and they were taken into the combine tract at a figure which made this handsome profit.

The New York syndicate, which probably will be incorporated in New Jersey, will put the agency of the whole immense tract into the hands of the Lincoln Trust Company. This company will manage the expenditure of more than \$1,000,000 in improvements.

House of Delegates Decides to Investigate His Court—Result of Karbe's Resolution,

The decorum of a West End parlor or conservatory prevailed last night in the season of the House of Delegates, but only for about fifteen minutes. Quiet was disturbed rather abruptly and forcibly by a resolution submitted by Mr. Karbe demanding why the special comesting of streets, the laypointed April 10 to investigate affairs in the Second District Police Court had falled to report.

Mr. Karbe's resolution was complete in its review of the reasons for appointing the committee and direct in inquiring why the committee and last the believed, therefore, that it devolved upon what is known as the Combine to investigate his methods.

"I desire to state," Mr. Sweeney said, that the committee cannot report because the main witness is out of the city. I to subject to state, and the committee cannot report because the main witness is out of the city. I to subject to state, and the committee cannot report because the main witness is out of the city. I to subject to state, and the committee cannot report because the main witness is out of the city. I to subject to state, and the committee cannot report because the main witness is out of the city. I to subject to state, and the committee cannot report because the main witness is out of the city. I to subject to state, and the committee cannot report because the main witness is not controlled to the city of the committee cannot report because the main witness is not of the city. I to subject to state, and the committee cannot report because the main witness is not of the city. I

IN THE PRIMA DONNA ROLE.

Mrs. Grace Van Studdiford Closes Contract With Bostonians.

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New York, Oct. 4.—Mrs. Grace Van Studdiford, who a few years ago was in the chorus of the Bostonians, has just closed a contract with that company to create the prima donna role in the new DeKoven and Smith opera, "Maid Markan," which the Bostonians are to produce this season. This engagement has special interest, as it recalls some very lively incidents at the Columbia Theater, Chicago, a few seasons ago, where the Bostonians were then rohearsing "The Serenade."

These incidents led to Mrs. Grace Van Staddiford, then Miss Gracia Quive, leaving the company. Several of the company's principals were concerned in the affair. In fact, certain jealousies which had been held in check broke out and a cyclone raged around Mrs. Jessie Bartlett Davis and Miss Quive as a center. It was a question of Mrs. Davis or Miss Quive remaining in the company, and the latter received her discharge. Many members of the troupe remained her friends, however. Among them was Henry Clay Barnabee, one of the proprietors and principal member of the Bostonians. At the time Mrs. Van Studdiford decided to return to the stage in September, '1890, Mr. Barnabee was quoted as speaking admiringly of her voice and acting.

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INSTANCE OF SWIFT JUSTICE.

Man Arrested, Fined and Lodged in Workhouse in Three Hours.

Within three hours and a half a man who says that his name is Charles C. York was arrested yesterday morning at Union Station on a charge of stealing a vallse, fined in the Central District Police Court and sent to the Workhouse. The case is said to take the record for dispatch.

York was arrested after a chase by Officer Combs, who is detailed at Union Station. He was carrying a vallse which Albert Chadwick of Walnut, Kas., claimed as his property. The prisoner was taken at once to the Four Courts, and Chadwick accompanied the officer. The police desired Chadwick to remain in the city as a witness against York, but he said that he could not remain longer than twelve hours. Special effort was accordingly made to rush the case through, and it was called at 8:39 a. m. On the testimony of Chadwick and Combs, York was fined \$100 and, on his nonpayment, was sent to the Workhouse. He was started on his way by 9:15 on his nonpayment, was sent to the Work-house. He was started on his way by 9:15 a. m. York said that he was a switchman and lived in East St. Louis.

Will Go With Jefferson Club.

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REPUBLIC SIECIAL.
St. Joseph, Mo., Oct. 4.—When the Jefferson Club of St. Louis makes its pilgrimage to the tomb of Thomas Jefferson at Monticello, Va., next week it will be accompanied by a number of prominent Democrats of this city. Doctor Edward Walsh of St. Joseph has been invited to deliver one of the grincipal addresses on that occasion.



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Pan-American Exposition.

TICKETS ON SALE October 5th.8th.10th.12th.15th.17th.

19th, 22d, 24th, 26th, 29th and 31st. TICKET OFFICE, BROADWAY AND CHESTNUT



HIS PLAN FELL THROUGH.

Leone Gale Wanted to Keep Wedding a Secret Until Fall.

president of the Scudder-Gale Grocery Company, and city salesman for the house in discussing his clandestine marriage to Miss Addie Holles of Greenville, Ill., last July, the news of which came to his friends as a great surprise, said:

"I was much chagrined at first to fin that our marriage had become public, as I had not wished it known until fall, when my wife will return from abroad, and we would have then made formal anouncemen to our friends. However, it is just as well that it has been discovered, as I am now relieved from making the anounc The young couple first met two years ago

when Miss Holles was attending the Visitation Convent in Cabanne. It was during one of her frequent visits to the homes of girl friends in the city that she became acquainted with Mr. Gale. They became attached to one another, and

it was not long before their friendship ripened into love, and they decided to marry They had not yet announced their engagement when Miss Holles received word from her mother that she had planned to send her to Europe to complete her musical education.

The contemplated plans came as a shock to the young people. While they had arranged an early marriage, Mr. Gale did not wish to mar the prospects of his bride-to-be, as she has a voice of rare promise, so they hit upon the plan of a clandestine marringe.

They met in St. Louis June 7 last, and going to the office of Justice of the Peace Robert Walker, were married under as sumed names. After the permony the bride left for home to prepare for her European trip and Mr. Gale returned quietly to his of-

The news was too tempting to the few at the convent in Cabanne.

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SEE THE BIG BLACK In Hills' Adv. in Next Sunday's Papers.

ding to long remain a secret, and in a short ime rumors of the marriage began to reach the ears of Mrs. Hoiles in Greenville, She wrote to her daughter, and the facts were acknowledged. The bride then wrote to Mr. Gale, who at once went to Greenville and explained matters. Parental blessings were at once forthcome.

The bride is a beautiful young lady of 20. with large, blue eyes and dark-brown half-She was one of the most popular students

When BloodImpure

Everything goes wrong. The digestion is bad. The head aches. The brain is dull. The nerves weaken. And the skin is nearly ruined. Your doctor knows what medicines will

cure these troubles: the medicines that are in Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Consult him freely.

"Five years ago I had bunches come out on my head and had a breaking out on my body. I tried different remedies without relief. I then tried Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Before I had taken half a bottle the bunches and the rash were gone, and I felt like a new man."—M. A. WALL, Bentley Greek, Pa.

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